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The ward's second bishop, Walter Montgomery, was sustained February 22, 1931, and chose as his counselors Ralph F. Giles and Irwin T. Hicken. J. Ernest Crook was clerk. Elder Rudger Clawson of the Council of the Twelve was present at the meeting when Bishop Montgomery was sustained. Other clerks included C. Ray Mahoney who succeeded Ernest Crook, July 5, 1931, Joseph W. Witt and Andrew A. Lindsay.

Shortly after Bishop Montgomery was sustained he called a special ward missionary committee and gave them the responsibility to prepare special testimonial and homecoming programs for departing or returning missionaries, to write ward newsletters to those in the field and remember the missionaries on birthdays and at Christmas. Committee members were Florence F. Hicken, ElRoy Jones and Mazie W. Hicken.

Leaders of the ward under Bishop Montgomery included the following:

CHOIR: Richard Brierley, Jay R. Smith, Frank Hardy and J. W. Brierly, choristers. Florence F. Hicken, organist.

RELIEF SOCIETY: Margaret Elizabeth Wootton, president, with Rhoda H. Ohlwiler and Minnie L. Crook, counselors and Bessie M. Hicken, secretary. In March of 1932 Josephine Jones was sustained as president with Hazel S. Hardy first counselor, Mina Nilsson, second counselors and Alta Mahoney, secretary.

PRIMARY: Marion Clegg, president, with Mina Nilsson and Marie Murray, counselors and Dezzie N. Clegg, secretary. Kezia Baxter was sustained as president in 1935 and had as counselors Sylvia Coleman and Reba Davis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Ralph F. Nilsson, superintendent; John F. Turner, James Ernest Crook and C. Ray Mahoney, assistants. and Florence Blackley, secretary. A new superintendency sustained in 1936 included Nephi Moulton superintendent, Irwin Thacker, first counselor and Dawson Lindsay, second counselor.

YMMIA: Irwin T. Hicken, superintendent, with Earl N. Carlile and Vestus Mahoney, counselors and Raymond Murdock, secretary. In 1936 two new counselors, Vincent Giles and Dawson Lindsay were sustained.

YWMIA: Orah Giles, president, with Edith Wootton and Mazie W. Hicken, counselors and Venice Hicken, secretary. Sustained in 1936 were Helen Lindsay, president, Jean Montgomery and Mabel Fisher, counselors and Elva Smith, secretary.

The third change in bishoprics came on April 6, 1938, when Bishop Ralph F. Giles was sustained, along with his counselors Irwin T. Hicken and J. Linden Chapman. Andrew A. Lindsay and Francis Cowley were ward clerks.

A month after he was sustained, Bishop Giles instituted a landscaping project in the ward and called Geneva B. Cliff as project chairman,